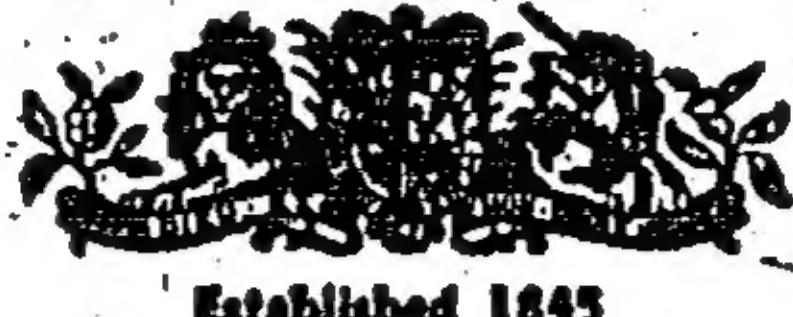


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AFTERMATH OF THE RAIN

In terms of damage done, lives lost and general hardship, the deluge of the last four days must be reckoned Hongkong's biggest postwar disaster. Even big typhoons have spared the Colony less severely. Newspaper reports and pictures have graphically described the magnitude of the calamity. It is only a pity that full credit could not be apportioned at the time to the various voluntary organisations and Government departments who performed so splendidly.

But it would be unchivalrous to pass over their achievements without acknowledgement. The Police and the PWD had a tremendous task keeping the Colony's communications open. The speed with which all but the most badly damaged roads were restored evokes widespread admiration. Anyone who drove around the Colony during the height of the storm could not fail to notice or admire the workmen removing boulders, manhandling uprooted trees and clearing silt with far more cheer than many dry-shod eels-going folk displayed.

THE Colony again owes a great debt to the fire-fighters, ambulances workers, first aid groups and the Civil Aid Service. The appalling death toll might have been considerably higher but for the services these men and women performed. Mention must also be made of nurses and doctors in hospital emergency wards, and those responsible for keeping public transport going, those who had to maintain public services like light and power, telephone, gas, water, and those who had to make essential food deliveries in the face of frightful difficulties.

Now should the poor housewife be forgotten—particularly those in badly flooded districts like Shaukiwan and West Point, who went on with their housekeeping and shopping in terrible circumstances. It is a trial in conditions like this to keep a big city going, but it is an even greater and more personal trial to keep the home in working order. GOVERNMENT will undoubtedly be considering how it can best help those who have been made homeless or dispossessed of crops. Monetary aid to re-establish stricken farmers and priority for rehousing the most destitute victims would be a fine gesture. International aid received for the Refugee Year might be partly directed to this end. The Colony's sympathy is with these people in their sad plight, but even the public donations now being generously made can help only to a limited extent. The loss of loved ones, or belongings acquired in a life-time is beyond replacement.

A word finally for those like the driver in the middle of Queen's Road, who refused to give way to an ambulance at the height of a downpour: times like this are miserable for everyone, even if the luckiest escape with nothing worse than wet feet. But it is an occasion when people should try to be most thoughtful and considerate for the many who suffer terribly. The fine example set by those whose job it is to keep the Colony going, in an emergency, is the true spirit of public service with which all should be imbued at times like this.

Batista Escapees Take Over Plane

Airliner Ends Up In Miami

Storm Sequel



IS SHE MARRIED? THEY ASK

Paris, June 16. Brigitte Bardot played guessing games today with reporters trying to pin down rumours that she had secretly married her handsome new leading man, Jacques Charrier.

"Yes, we are married," the French star told reporters this afternoon. Charrier backed up her statement and each was wearing a wedding ring as they strolled through Saint Tropez on the French Riviera.

But Miss Bardot refused to say where or when the wedding had taken place and a careful search of town and village halls throughout southern France failed to reveal any trace of a marriage ceremony.—Reuter.

COUNSELLORS OF STATE

London, June 16. The Queen Mother, Princess Margaret, and the Duke of Gloucester have been appointed Counsellors of State during Queen Elizabeth's forthcoming tour to Canada to open the Saint Lawrence Seaway.

The Royal functions are to be exercised by not less than two of them jointly.

The announcement, made in the official London Gazette, said that neither Princess Alexandra nor the Duke of Kent would be able to act as they would be out of the country during the visit.—Reuter.

HK GIRL ORDERED TO GO WITH FATHER

London, June 16. A high court judge today rejected a mother's plea and ruled that her three-year-old daughter should be allowed to fly to Hongkong with her father on Monday.

He has been asked to decide which of her two "devoted" parents should keep her—her 51-year-old architect father, Mr A. John Brandt, who is returning to his Hongkong practice on Monday, or her 26-year-old mother, Mrs Norma Brandt, who is remaining in England.

After a 45-minute hearing the judge granted an application by the father for the control of the child and directed that she be allowed to accompany him on Monday and then cease to be a ward of the court.

He rejected a plea by the mother that the child be allowed to stay in England with her. The child had been made a ward on the brother's application.

Said Mr Justice Denckwerts: "Normally one has no doubt that a child of this age should remain with her mother, but here it is really the mother who has departed from the family."

He was told that the Brandts married in July 1955, and went to live in Hongkong.

They returned to England on leave last December. Mrs Brandt then took a separate room in Banstead and said she didn't intend to live with her husband.

In a statement read to the court Mr Brandt said his 46-year-old sister would help make a home for his daughter in Hongkong.—Reuter and London Express Service.

WEST WAITS FOR SOVIET ANSWER

Geneva, June 17. The fate of the Foreign Ministers' Conference hangs on the Soviet answer this afternoon to the West's "final offer" plan for an interim Berlin settlement that would pave the way to a summit meeting.

Racial Storm In Commons

London, June 16. Labour Party members tonight accused Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's government of adopting separate police methods for blacks and whites in Africa.

The racial charge erupted in a House of Commons debate on the government's handling of the fatal beating on March 3 of 11 Mau Mau terrorists in Kenya's Hola prison camp.

Labour party spokesman Sir Frank Soside said, "If a boy with a white skin had been cuffed by a police officer, we would have had a full inquiry."

Full Confidence

The former Labour Party Government Attorney General said, "We should do no less when 11 men with black skins are clubbed to death in the custody of the Kenya Government."

Sixteen members of Parliament had by today signed a motion for debate in the House of Commons deplored an award in the Queen's birthday honours list last week to Mr J. B. T. Cowan, Senior Superintendent of Kenya Prisons.

The motion states that Mr Cowan's part "in the events that led to the death of 11 Africans at the Hola camp has been severely criticised by the senior magistrate who conducted the inquest."

In Nairobi, a Kenya government spokesman yesterday expressed full confidence in Mr John Cowan.—UPI and China Mail Special.

Ex-King Leopold In Collision

Brussels, June 17. A car which ex-King Leopold of the Belgians was driving through Namur, central Belgium, was in collision with a young man on a bicycle last night, the Belgian news agency, Belga, reported.

The cyclist came out of a side road and the ex-King braked hard but the two vehicles collided. The young man was slightly injured.

The ex-King took the young man into his car and drove him to a nearby chemist shop where he was treated by a doctor.—Reuter.

In a crucial private meeting Mr Selwyn Lloyd of Britain, Mr Christian Herter of the United States, and M. Maurice Couve de Murville of France will hear Mr Andre Gromyko give the Soviet reaction to their proposals.

Western sources expect Mr Gromyko to reject the Western plan as a basis for discussion, thus bringing all effective negotiation here to an end in full disagreement.

Soviet Threat

Falling acceptance of the plan by the Western ministers was reported anxious to have the 38-day-old talks adjourned as soon as possible, without breaking off the process of East-West negotiations. But an authoritative US source said last night that an interim Berlin settlement was a "prerequisite" of a summit conference, for the West would not go to the summit with a Soviet threat of unilateral action on Berlin hanging over its head.

According to the sources, the Western Powers no longer insist on formal Soviet recognition of the validity of their occupation rights in West Berlin pending a German Peace Treaty.

However, it was doubted whether Mr Gromyko would accept the new proposals since he was recently reported to be insisting that the West should formally undertake to abandon its occupation forces in Berlin, even though it might keep on token forces there.

Proposals

The proposals which are repeated in the Western plan are understood to cover the following points:

★ Offers to make improvements in the existing Berlin situation and to consider complaints of "subversive" activities in the city.

★ The suggested establishment of two four-power commissions to supervise these improvements and to supervise Western rights of access;

★ The suggestion that these arrangements remain in force until the reunification of Germany or the four powers reach other agreements.

One slender chance remains for its success—that Mr Gromyko would say he was prepared to discuss the Western plan, which was handed over to the Soviet delegation last night.—Reuter.

Iman And Son Agree

Rome, June 16. Complete identity of views exists between the Iman of Yemen and his son, the Crown Prince El Badr. It was stated today in the sovereign's entourage.

The Iman who is convalescing after an attack of acute arthritis in a villa outside Rome is keeping in close touch with his country's affairs. He is under doctor's orders to continue his convalescence.—AFP.

Moscow Parks Not Like London's Says Billy Graham

Paris, June 16. American Evangelist Billy Graham flew in from Moscow today full of praise for the "moral purity" he found in the Soviet capital.

"In the Moscow parks, I saw thousands of young people," he said. "But I did not see a single couple locked in an embrace."

Graham's observations contrasted sharply with those he made in his recent tour of London's parks. During that visit the Evangelist deplored the public hugging and kissing which he said was going on everywhere in the parks of London.

"It was told by local religious leaders that there is a real religious revival and a marked increase in atheism in the Soviet Union," Graham said.

"I was not surprised to hear that since I could read on the faces of the people a great spiritual hunger and some sort of insecurity that only God can solve," he said.—UPI.

Lennox-Boyd's Message To HK

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd, has expressed distress at the havoc and loss of life caused by the recent rains, in a cable to the Governor, Sir Robert Black.

The message received this morning reads: "I was most distressed to hear of the loss of life and havoc caused by the rainstorms. Please convey my sincere sympathy to the next of kin of those who have died and to the injured. To those engaged in their great task of relief and restoration, I send my warm good wishes."

Rail To Canton Under Water

The Chinese railway authorities have informed the management of the British sector of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, that owing to flooding at various points on the line between Shumchun and Canton, all traffic from Shumchun has been temporarily suspended.

Hongkong residents intending to visit China are therefore advised not to get out until services on the Chinese side have been resumed, a Government spokesman said.

Cleared
The railway tracks near the Kowloon-Canton Railway's workshops in Hungshon have now been cleared of the huge boulders which had been dislodged by landslides on Monday. The railway authorities announced this morning that normal train services between Tsimshatsui and Lowi will be resumed at 1.30 p.m. today.

A Government spokesman said this morning that while the Taipo Road is closed, motorists will be allowed to use Route TW3K, the road leading from Tsun Wan to Sek Kong Village in the New Territories.

Kwangtung Province Flooded

Paris, June 17. Kwangtung province is being engulfed as mercilessly as Hongkong was in recent days.

The province is in the grip of "catastrophically heavy" rainstorms, Peking Radio reported this morning and flooding has been caused by "big mountain torrents" and overflowing of rivers in some regions.

About 58,000 acres of farmland in Kwangtung are affected, the radio said. It added that millions of people led by Communist Party cadres are fighting to save the harvest.

Heavy rain is also lashing the coastal Fukien provinces where countless people are engaged in a desperate fight to prevent or minimise flooding.—AFP.

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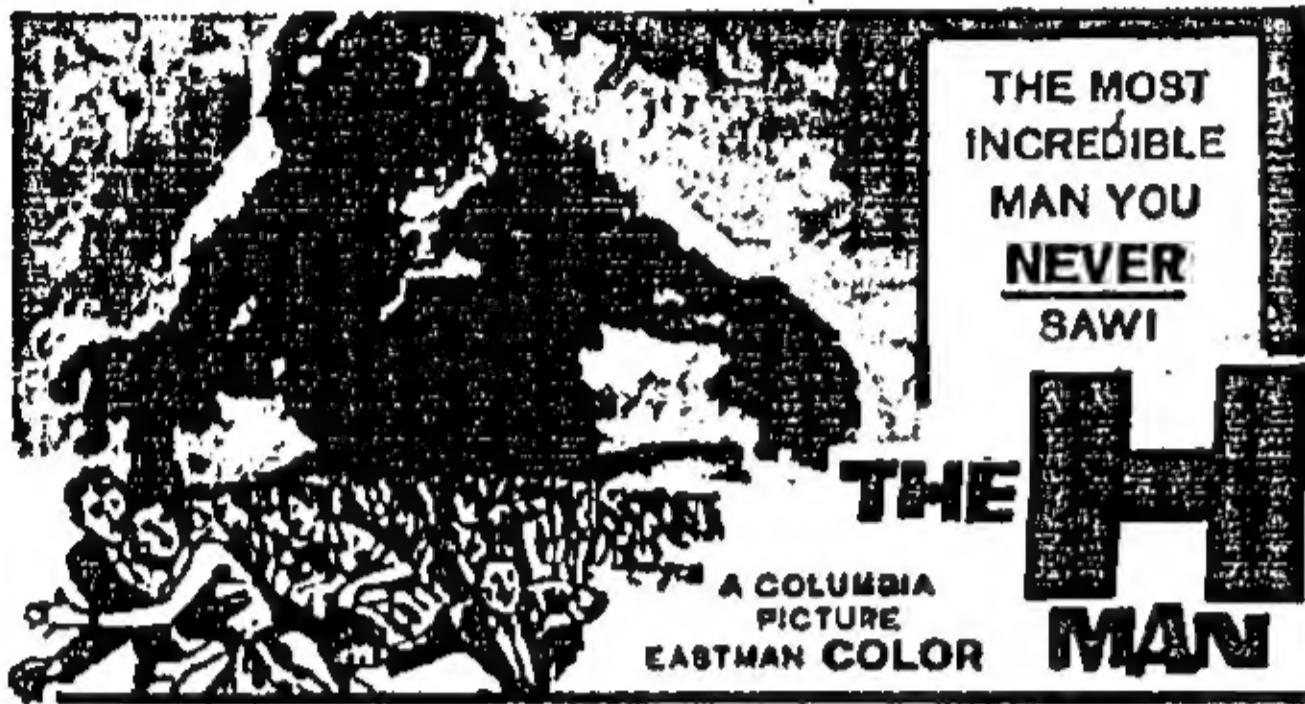
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THE LOCAL SLANT

By ELIZABETH FOX



Mrs Esther Johansson (left) and Mrs Liliane Martin.

Liliane Collects Match-Box Tops And Esther Is A Grandmother

ALL women are interested in making themselves glamorous, though perhaps not quite to the extent of some Persian women, who's motto is, "Kill me if you must—but make me beautiful!"

More Than A Case For Music

Recently returned from America is pretty, dark-haired and petite Miss Ruby Woo who has just gained her masters degree in music at Boston University.

Having graduated from the National Conservatory of China, Miss Woo was awarded a scholarship to enable her to further her musical studies in the States.

"There are so many more chances to learn and study there than there are in China," Miss Woo told me. "But of course one day I would like to go to London and France as well."

This vivacious and talented young girl gave her first public performance on the piano with the Municipal Orchestra of Shanghai, playing Beethoven's Symphony No. 4, when she was 19 years old.

Since then she has given many concerts and was a soloist on Radio Hongkong before she left for America.

In my spare moments Miss

Woo likes to relax with some knitting or else study and read books on psychology, in which she is very interested.

When I talked to her, she was very busy settling into the new flat where she lives with her parents.

I commented on the enormous amount of trunks standing waiting to be unpacked. Said Miss Woo, with a huge giggle, "Four of them are full of music! I had to take it all with me."

"There are so many changes here since I left for America four years ago," she went on, "so many new buildings and streets. I was quite lost when I arrived."

Her plans for the future are to give lectures, teach music and to continue teaching "merry girls," she said. "There are far more Chinese women musicians than men. They have more patience."

Miss Woo prefers classical music to any other form and in answer to my question about a favourite composer, she replied, "Every composer is my favourite."

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Ivory Elephants In A Hollow Nut

HAVE you ever seen a tiny, hollow, dark-red nut, no bigger than a fat orange pip, with a minute ivory stopper and containing no less than six hand-carved ivory elephants?

Probably not. "But this is nothing," said Mrs Nirupa Roy, popping them back in the nut, "I've seen some with a hundred elephants inside."

Mrs Roy and Miss Shyama are two stars from India's film-land, who were here for a brief holiday. Accompanying his wife was very cheerful Mr Kamal Roy who is an actor and also a film distributor.

UNMATCHED BEAUTY

Someone once said that the serene beauty of Indian women is unmatched anywhere else in the world. Mrs Roy and Miss Shyama certainly bear out the truth of this statement as they are both very lovely and are delightful to talk to.

They were staying with Mr and Mrs F. Choksi during their visit. Mr Choksi has a very exciting life buying and selling diamonds all over the world. They have two children, and the



Mrs Nirupa Roy and Miss Shyama.

whole family plus various friends and relations floating in and out, all joined in and chattered away nineteen to the dozen, while I discovered what the two film stars thought of Hongkong.

"Oh it is a wonderful place," said Miss Shyama, with a graceful movement of her expressive hands, "especially in the night time—it looks like heaven."

Miss Shyama, who comes from the home of Kilm, Lahore, has made 105 films including fantasies, suspense stories and musicals. Of them all she prefers musicals, when she can dance, which she loves doing—the slow, rather mystic Indian dancing which relies for expression mainly on the intricate movements of the hands and arms.

Mrs Roy, who was born near Bombay and who has been married for 10 years, told me that she has made around 117 feature films and started acting when she was 13.

She now works as a freelance and makes on an average of one film a month.

In 1954, they all went to Moscow, and in fact travelled all over the Soviet Union as part of a film delegation.

MADE UP FOR WINTER

"Brill... it was so cold," said Mrs Roy and added ingenuously, "But they gave me a big painting in one of the art galleries." Which of course quite made up for the inclement Russian winter.

They both think that Kashmir is the most beautiful place in the world, and love clothes and jewellery. They showed me some of their saris and bangles.

The saris were gorgeous, in rich colours and heavily threaded with silver and gold, but dear me, the old order changed and they now make those beautiful glass bangles out of plastic.

"They don't break," said Miss Shyama.

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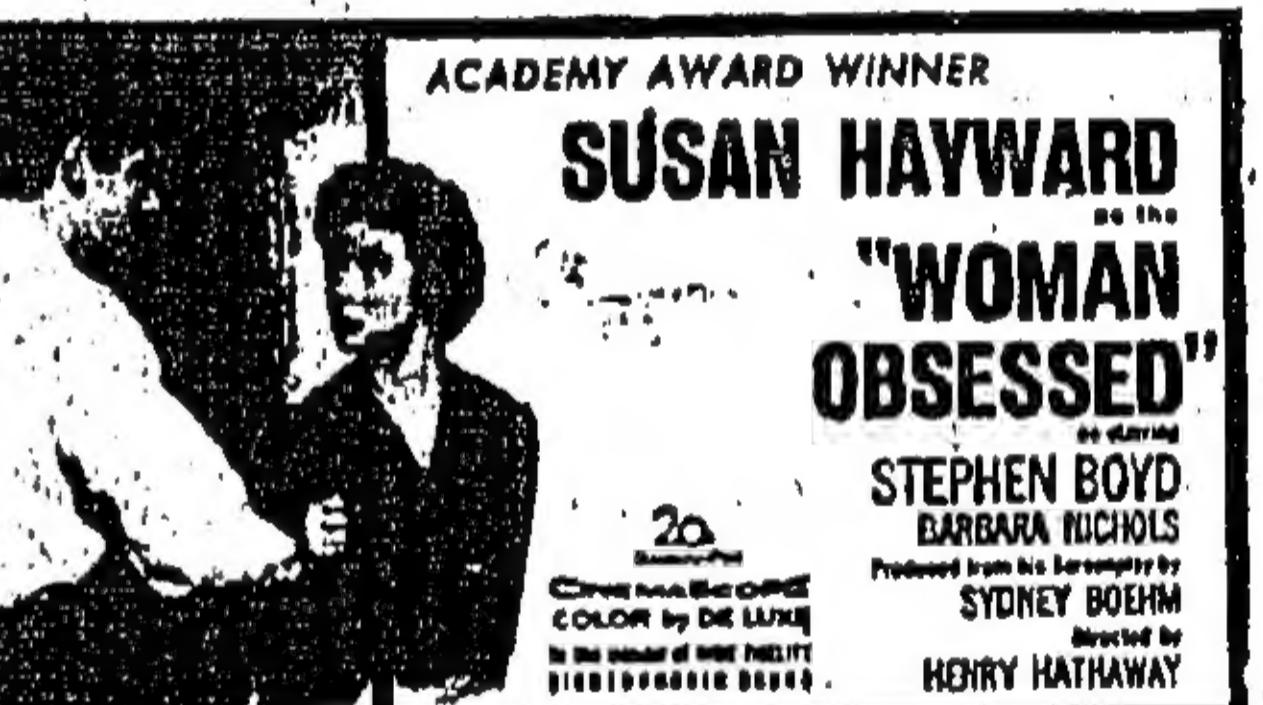
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Congress Told Of "Dancing Gas" For War

Washington, June 16.

Congressmen heard today about military gases that could leave their victims dancing a happy jig or kill them in 30 seconds.

Industrial Strife In Britain

London, June 16. About 210,000 workers were striking, preparing to stop work, or locked out in eight industrial disputes in Britain today.

Four thousand dockers at Hull went on strike, idling 43 ships, in sympathy with 16 fellow workers who stopped work in protest against being asked to unload a Soviet ship without mechanical aids.

Boilermakers

Talks designed to end a seven-week-old strike by 1,750 boilermakers in a Birkenhead factory broke down after the management rejected a conditional return to work offer by union leaders.

This strike has been caused because rival unions cannot decide who should "twang" a piece of chalked marking string.

The Standard Motor Company refused to take back 117 men dismissed for pay demands and moved to bring out 10,000 workers in the plant were foreclosed.

The British Motor Corporation sent home nearly 3,000 workers in two factories following a strike by 600 engineers and drivers at its car body plant in Birmingham. The jobs of a further 1,000 were jeopardised.

Three hundred employees of the Mulliner coachbuilding plant at Birmingham were sent home following a 24-hour protest strike by maintenance men.

Leaders of nearly 200,000 printing trade workers rejected an appeal by employers to send to arbitration a disputed claim over wages and shorter hours which threatens to close down 5,000 firms from tomorrow night.—Reuters.

Gen. William Creasy, former head of the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, testified that biological or psychochemical warfare could be waged with "devastating force" with gases the enemy "couldn't see, smell or feel."

Members of the House Space Committee sat intently quiet as Creasy told them psychochemicals could "set you Congressmen dancing on the desks or shouting Communist speeches," or kill almost instantly.

Creasy, who retired eight months ago, criticised the U.S. national policy of "saying we won't strike back unless attacked."

He advocated a policy announced by the US "has these weapons and intends to use them" in event of war.

He testified that nerve gases already being produced, "can cover fantastically greater areas than our present atomic explosive powers."

The facts holds true, he said, for biochemicals utilising micro-organisms that can make their victims merely sick or be concentrated in fatal doses for germ warfare.

"I assume the Russians know what we have," Creasy added. He said underground shelters for protection from nuclear blasts would be inadequate against delivered psychochemicals or biochemicals.

Gases are heavier than air, hence a ventilating chute for an underground shelter would be an open invitation for death.

More Humane"

Creasy claimed chemical warfare would be more humane than nuclear warfare, because chemicals can be tailored to merely harass, make sick or ill.

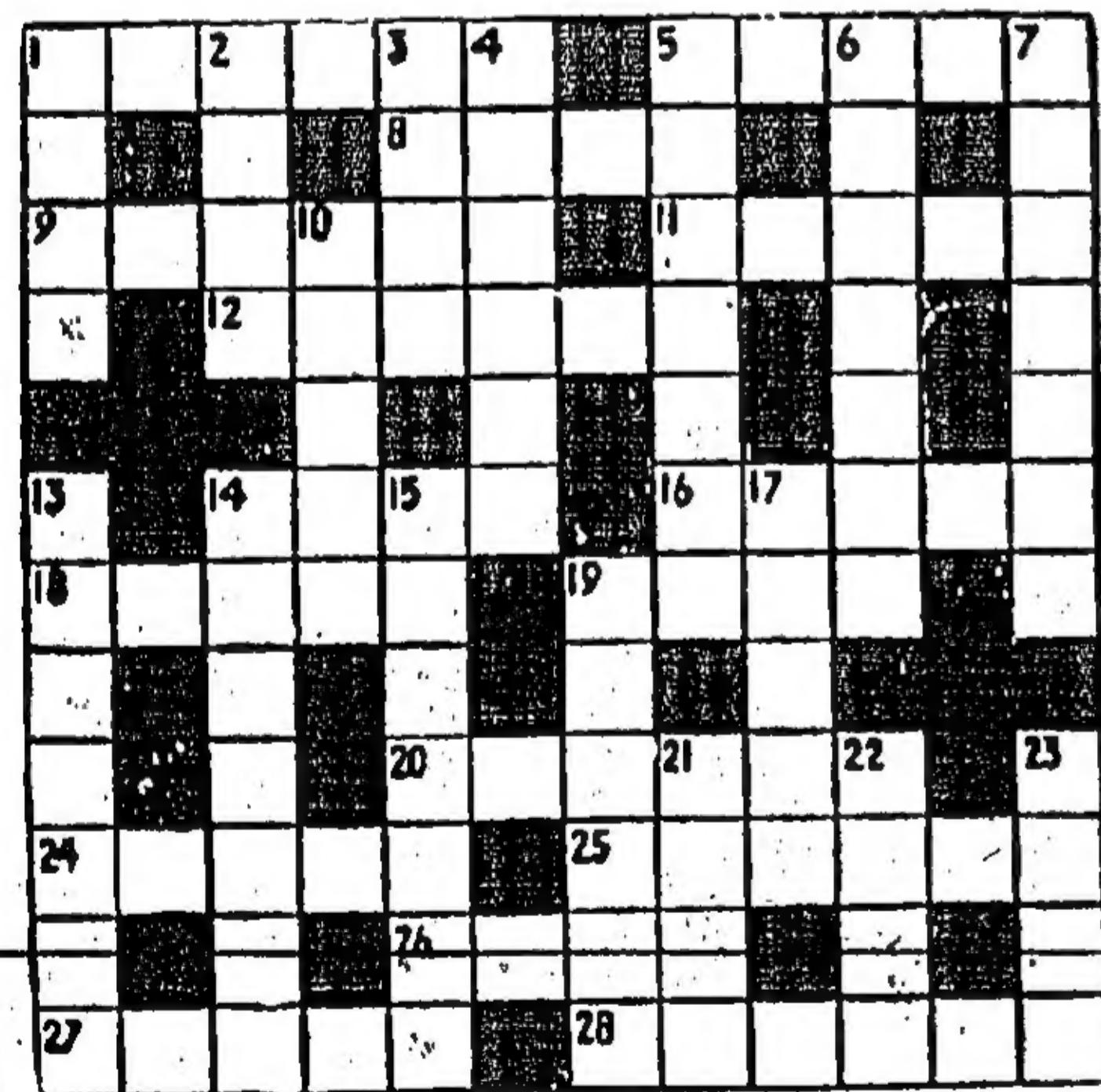
He said the U.S. Commander who sent troops into Iwo Jima during World War II had chemicals available, but declined to use them.

"Let's look at what happened," Creasy added. "There were about 25,000 US casualties, including 7,000 marines killed. Most of the 21,000 Japanese defenders were killed."

"And you ask me which is more humanitarian," Creasy posed.

He added that the Germans had nerve gas available but because of "some foul-up in Hitler's intelligence" they didn't use it.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- Two of a kind (6).
- French poet (5).
- It is unwritten (4).
- Rent collector (6).
- It makes marine blue (5).
- Get-up, not necessarily in the morning (6).
- Proverbially very, low price (4).
- Very bad-tempered (6).
- Edible nonsense (6).
- "As you were," Mr. Painter (4).
- Signs up (6).
- Kicks from horses (5).
- Exempt from liability (6).
- Scottish island (4).
- She's not quite normal (5).
- Got on one's nerves (6).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Fret, 7 Heard, 8 Gild, 10 Elevate, 12 Glad, 15 Absorb, 16 Lair, 19 Robust, 21 Idea, 22 Date, 23 Hoist, 26 Created, 30 Glee, 31 Hike, 32 Inter, 33 Done. Down: 1 Folly, 2 Prevaly, 4 Rates, 5 Tang, 6 Idea, 9 Star, 11 Abash, 13 Lobe, 14 Duds, 16 Erase, 17 Thix, 18 Long, 20 Attains, 22 Sire, 24 Ocean, 25 Fever, 27 Lair, 28 Aged.

DOWN

- Merry old monarch (4).
- Bear up in the heavens (4).
- Ransack (4).
- Going astray (6).
- Small bird (4, 3).
- Beg earnestly (7).
- It leads 'em' on the screen, but is behind on the road (7).
- Bore down (5).
- English king (7).
- Cocktail that is "one for the road?" (7).
- Flower (7).
- Sphere of influence (6).
- The wet season? (6).
- Poet's first name (4).
- Fat (4).
- Tobacco growing in most gardens (4).

COLUMBUS, OHIO, JUNE 16. Gov. Michael V. DiSalle, leaving the State House after a tax battle with the Legislature, was invited to join newsmen in a game of gin rummy.

"No," said the Governor. "We lost enough for today—30 million dollars."—UPI.

Jury Have Five

Questions In Liberace Case

London, June 16. Counsel for both sides in the Liberace libel suit ended their addresses to the jury today on the sixth day of the hearing and the judge began his summing up.

Before the final addresses the judge gave the jury five questions which he said he had decided should be left to them. Liberace, American pianist who makes a million dollars a year, is alleging that he was labelled by William Connor, writing as Cassandra in the Daily Mirror.

He claims that what Connor wrote implied that he is a homosexual. Connor denies meaning this and pleads fair comment.

The Questions

The five questions put to the jury were:

• Do the words complained of in the article, in the ordinary and natural meaning, mean that Liberace is a homosexual?

• Without this meaning are the words (a) true insofar as they are statements of fact, (b) fair comment insofar as they are expressions of opinion?

• Damages, if any, for publication of the article in September 26, 1956. If the answers to questions 1 and 2 are both in favour of Liberace, how much of the damages are attributable to the imputation of homosexuality?

• Were the words in the Daily Mirror of October 18, 1956, fair comment?

• Damages in respect of the newspaper.

Mr. Robertson reiterated his total opposition to United States recognition of China or the admission of the Peking regime into the United Nations.

"Some people argue that recognition and U.N. seating would induce Peking to be a less aggressive, less hostile member of the international community," he said.

"However, there is nothing in the long record of Communist Chinese actions, depredations and present record of intentions that would support such a contention."

No Date

He said it would be foolish to suggest a target date for the Nationalist Chinese Government to take over the mainland.

"There is no possible chance of a successful revolution on the mainland unless the military forces get on the side of the people. That is not too wild a hope," Mr. Robertson added.

"It is just unthinkable that the little tight group of Communists who the whole Communist Party represents less than two per cent of the people are going to keep this great nation of 600 million people in a state of mass slavery permanently."

Mr. Robertson alleged that the Truman Administration had held up for 12 or 13 months a request from the Nationalist Government for economic aid while the Russians had continued to arm the Communists before their takeover in 1949.—Reuters.

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OPENS TO-MORROW AT THE METROPOLIS

STAR MET

Do you still believe in charms?

AT some time or other, almost every race of people has firmly believed in the effectiveness of the amulet, a word derived from the Latin amuletum, and denoting a lucky charm or a "medicine" supposed to have occult properties.

An amulet hung around the neck, or carried in any other way, was always considered to have the effect of warding off malignant infections and other dangers, and even of curing ailments with which a person was already suffering.

Even nowadays, there are peasant folk who imagine that an infant's teething-troubles will be mitigated by hanging around its throat an amulet of pain-relieving necklace made of bark torn from the roots of white bryony, a wild climbing plant of the gourd family.

And there are still fishermen in some parts of the world who entertain the belief that they will never be lost at sea if their ship has on board it a child's caul, the membrane covering the head of certain babies at their birth.

The Greeks

The Greeks (as usual) had a word for lucky charms—telesma, meaning a consecrated object. The Arabs borrowed the word, and adapted it and the custom associated with it. What we now know as talisman was figure cast in metal, cast in stone, and made with sundry superstitious ceremonies, when two objects were in conjunction or when a particular star was at its culminating point (the Arabs were great astronomers and astrologers).

When the Arabs were converted to the Islamic faith, however, they turned from idolatrous figures. They used as talismans in the place of their former idols, sentences from the Koran, the Mohammedan Scriptures, sentences which were usually taken from the Surahs or chapter entitled "The Injunction."

The sentences were inscribed on rolls of vellum or paper and enclosed in little silver boxes that were suspended from the neck. If the wearers were civilians, in the case of soldiers, the sentences were inscribed on the hilts or blades of swords, on shields, or on helmets.

In the Middle Ages, Christians on their part used the relics of saints, consecrated candles, and other religious items as talismans, all calculated to preserve them from evil or misfortune.

Supernatural

Man has ever been a superstitious fellow—and still is. Oh you may smile contemptuously at the fantasies entertained by your ancestors, but are you quite sure that you are entirely free from a tendency towards the practice of irrational customs yourself—performed automatically in everyday life but derived from ancient times and a clinging to the supernatural?

Do you "touch" or "knock on wood" as a safeguard against mishap? This is said by some authorities to have originated in the old right of sanctuary which prevailed in the Europe of the Middle Ages, when fugitives could claim inviolability from the vengeance of their pursuers if they laid hand on the wood door of a church or an abbey and passed through to the sacred precincts.

Superstition

If you are a woman, perhaps you feel a vague sense of uneasiness when you break the mirror in your handbag. The fact that you'll have to dip into your purse to buy another is not what's bothering you, but the disturbing recollection of the old, old saying that the accident will bring you several years of ill-luck.

This is a superstition that was born in the land that the poets called Cathay—China, to more prosaic people. The ancient Chinese considered that a person's image in a mirror was the soul. Accordingly, a broken mirror signified that the person owning it had lost his or her soul.

The "broken mirror" superstition has an alternative explanation, also linked with the China of long ago. Mirrors were hung over dolls so that evil spirits entering a house or temple would see their reflections in them and would be scared off in the process. If a mirror were smashed, that meant the evil spirits had free passage and could do their worst.

Cruel Luck

But one of the oddest superstitions, and one that had its origin in Imperial Rome, gave rise to a peculiar occupation which has persisted through the centuries—an occupation still followed, though to a much more limited extent than previously, for it largely confined itself to the homes of millionaires, princes, presidents and the like, to palaces, huge mansions, all calculated to preserve the home from evil or misfortune.

In classical Rome it was believed that cruel luck would afflict you if a visitor crossed the threshold of your home left-foot-first. Because of this superstition, the well-to-do citizens of the Eternal City engaged in domesticities whose specific job it was to stand sentinel at the entrance to their masters' homes and ensure that any caller stepped through with the right foot to the fore.

Thus it has come about that those haughty, oft-bewigged and liveried attendants who open palatial portals and look down their scornful noses at you (unless you are celebrated or illustrious) are known as footmen, and have been so known for centuries—although it's doubtful whether very many of them in the last few hundred years ever had an inkling as to why or how they got their name.

R. Gouden

On the beach with GILES



"Here comes father. Best case of 'Time-will-not-change-thee' I've ever met."

You'd be surprised what goes on at Kew . . . !

by J. W. M. THOMPSON

WHO would have thought that the first people to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Kew Gardens would be the Russians?

After all, it is hard to imagine a more peculiarly English creation than those 300 blissful acres by the bank of the Thames.

And yet it happened, a jovial party in Moscow at the Academy of Sciences "in honour of the foremost botanical institution in the world."

Kew itself is marking the bicentenary, and in a more predictable fashion.

But "there is no Iron Curtain in botany," one of the Kew scientists told me with sober pride. "We exchange information and specimens with Russia and all parts of the world."

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Poor soil

That is why the passing of this Kew milestone is drawing friendly salutes from practically every country where plants, trees, grasses, or cacti, flourish.

None of this international acclaim, of course, is likely to tinge the Englishness of the place. The whole history of Kew, in fact, is a sort of essay in the English arts of improvisation, compromise and losing-every-battle-but-the-last.

No one with a serious, professional approach would have chosen such a site for a botanical garden, to begin with. The soil is poor and infertile.

By chance

Mountains of manure and fertiliser have had to be imported to bring it up to standard. Every leaf from those delightful trees must be carefully saved and composted for the same purpose.

And then, the garden is plagued by the soot and filth which ungrateful London showers down on everything growing there. Just now, there is a freshness about most of the new foliage. In only a few weeks a grey film from the air will have dimmed all this.

"It only," sighed one member of the staff when I was there the other day, "if only we could go round spraying all the leaves with detergent...."

That being impossible, the Gardens have had to develop their collection of conifers far

from Kew, in Kent. Conifers do not have the self-preserving habit of shedding their sooty leaves annually to grow fresh ones.

I found it pleasant to learn that the technique of drying these specimens is just the same as that employed by children in producing "pressed flowers." They are simply squeezed between blotting-paper.

Another department, and a busy one, is the international quarantine station. There is a busy international traffic in "economic plants" such as rubber or coconuts. They cannot be removed from, say, the West Indies to Malaya without being reliably guaranteed free from disease or pests, or they might carry costly epidemics with them.

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will give them with a certificate of good health.

These are only samples of the things that happen unseen at Kew. There are 300 people working on them, and they spend nearly £250,000 of public money every year.

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are pleasant to see expansion at one major scientific institution which is not producing anything that could blow us, or anyone else, to pieces.

Experiments

What actually happens at Kew? I don't know how many of the people who wander round its glades realise that they are seeing only a minor aspect of the Gardens. Perhaps not many.

The central activities go on in handsome and repeatedly enlarged Georgian buildings to which the visitors' threepenny does not buy admission.

There is a fine laboratory, for example. Obscure and complicated experiments with plants—often of great economic value—are performed.

They are experimenting at the moment with a substance called Gibberellic Acid, which has the startling effect of making plants grow to enormous size.

Another experiment is meant to find out the effects of different degrees of light in greenhouses, and whether it is useful to illuminate them all night long.

Sometimes even Scotland Yard asks for help. There was a neat piece of Sherlock Holmes work in the laboratory recently, when pine-needles extracted from a suspect's turn-ups helped to prove his presence in the garden of a burgled house.

Kew is a rare storehouse of scientific knowledge. In the

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WOMANSENSE

Thaarup Makes A Come-Back

YOUR BIRTHDAY...By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

BORN today, you are a rather enigmatic personality, since there are so many contrasts that the casual observer never quite knows how to take you. Serious by nature, you still have a keen sense of humour and can be quite gay when you choose. You are original and will never take the conventional solution to a problem if you can find a new one. Yet since you have the reputation for sympathy and tact, all who are in trouble come to you for help. But those who won't do things your way don't need to ask for your advice a second time! You won't be bothered.

You have a loving, affectionate nature. You will be a devoted mate and parent until you have selected your partner and decided down to marriage. It is likely, however, that you will have more than one romance before this happens. It is not that you are fickle but that you attract so many people into your orbit that you may have difficulties in selecting any one person among so many.

You are a good manager, both in the home and in business. You are able to make money but you are inclined to spend it on others rather than on yourself. Your personal tastes are simple; actually, you ought to take better care of your personal appearance, especially of your wardrobe. You pay too little regard to outward appearances, believing basic character is what really counts.

Among those born on this date are: Elbridge Gerry, patriot and signer of the Declaration of Independence; Charles Gounod, composer; John Wesley, founder of Methodism; David Ames Wells, economist; Carl Van Vechten, author.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Legal matters could involve someone at a distance and precipitate the necessity for a trip.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Careers in technology are now favoured, take an calculated risk to win a promotion in your job.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—You may start on a trip satisfactorily today, if plans have all been carefully made.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23)—Now everything appears to be running in your favour. Get a lot done while the aspects are right.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—A good money day for you. Make a profit on almost anything you undertake. Act effectively.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Advance your major interests now. No further need for delays. You can get exactly what you want.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THE "book" play is called that because it will be found in any book on play. Strangely enough this book plays continually occur in the table also.

Here is one made by Charles Woldenberg in New Orleans. The bidding was normal enough if you accept East's club raise and the four heart contract as satisfactory.

Charlie opened the ace of diamonds and continued with the king. Against a suit contract this play of the ace first shows a doubleton so East knew that Charlie could trump the next diamond. His problem was to

get East into the lead and he solved it by going to page one of the book.

All he did was to underlead his ace and king of clubs. He would have looked mighty silly if East did not have that club queen but East had raised clubs and obviously ought to have that card for his raise.

Anyways, Charlie did lead a low club, East won and returned a diamond for Charlie to ruff.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Again West has opened one spade and it is passed around to you. You hold:

A—Your partner does not need a spade.

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

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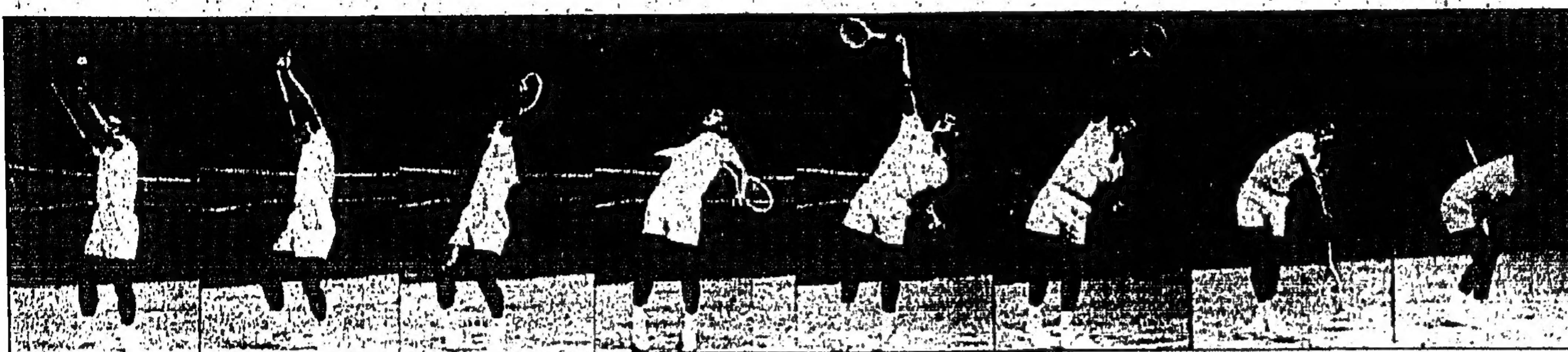
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SPORTS PICTORIAL



With the opening day of Wimbledon barely a week away, a man who has never won a match on its courts is the hottest favourite since Jack Kramer turned professional. He is Peruvian Alejandro Olmedo, who two years ago came to the championships as a forlorn outsider, and went out ignominiously in the first round.

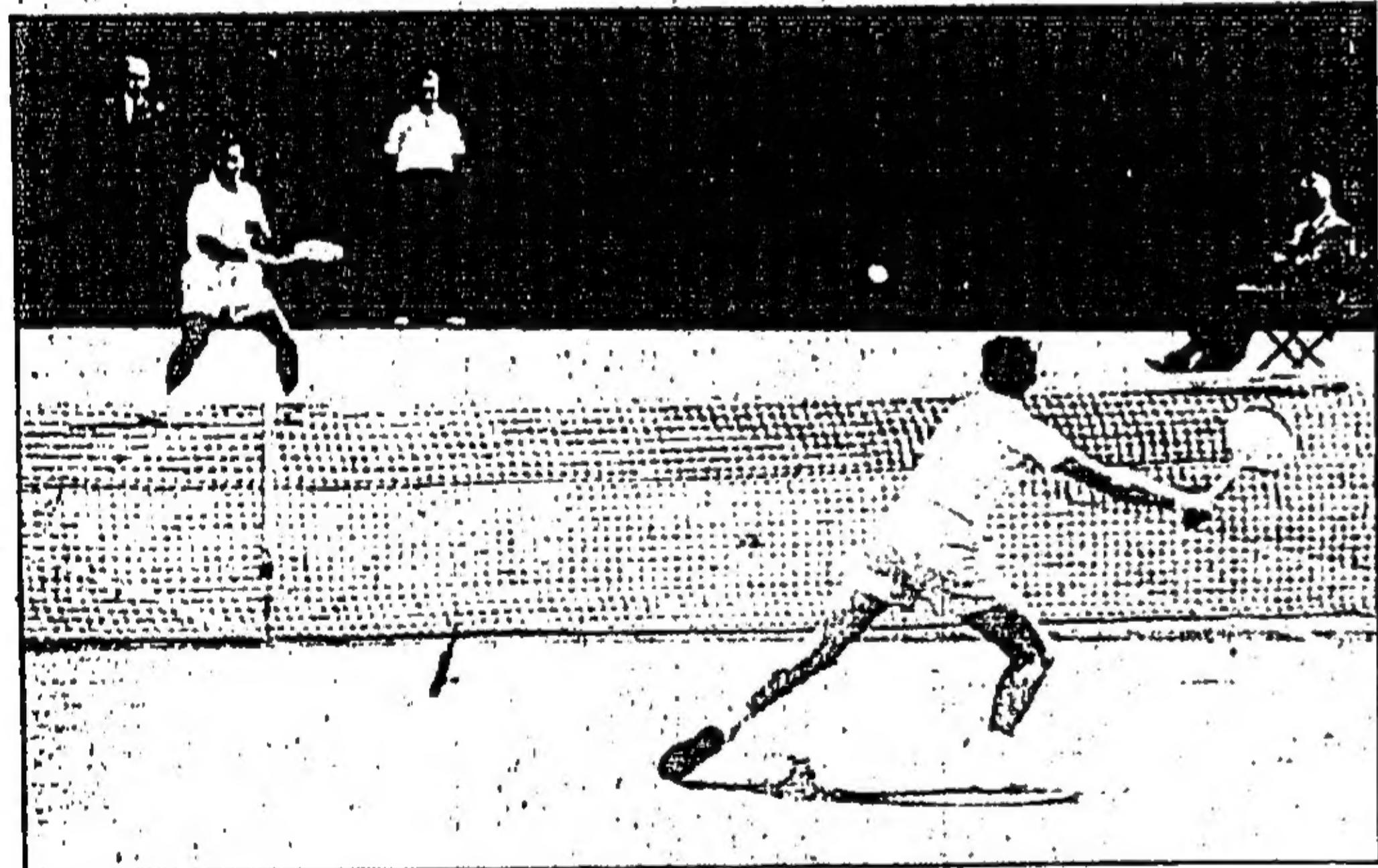
Today bookmakers are quoting even money about his chances of taking the singles title—a remarkable turnaround due to the fact that last winter he went to Australia and won back the Davis Cup for America virtually single-handed.

Picture here shows a 20-frames-a-second impression of Olmedo's service, which many experts say is modelled on that of Pancho Gonzales.—London Express Photo.



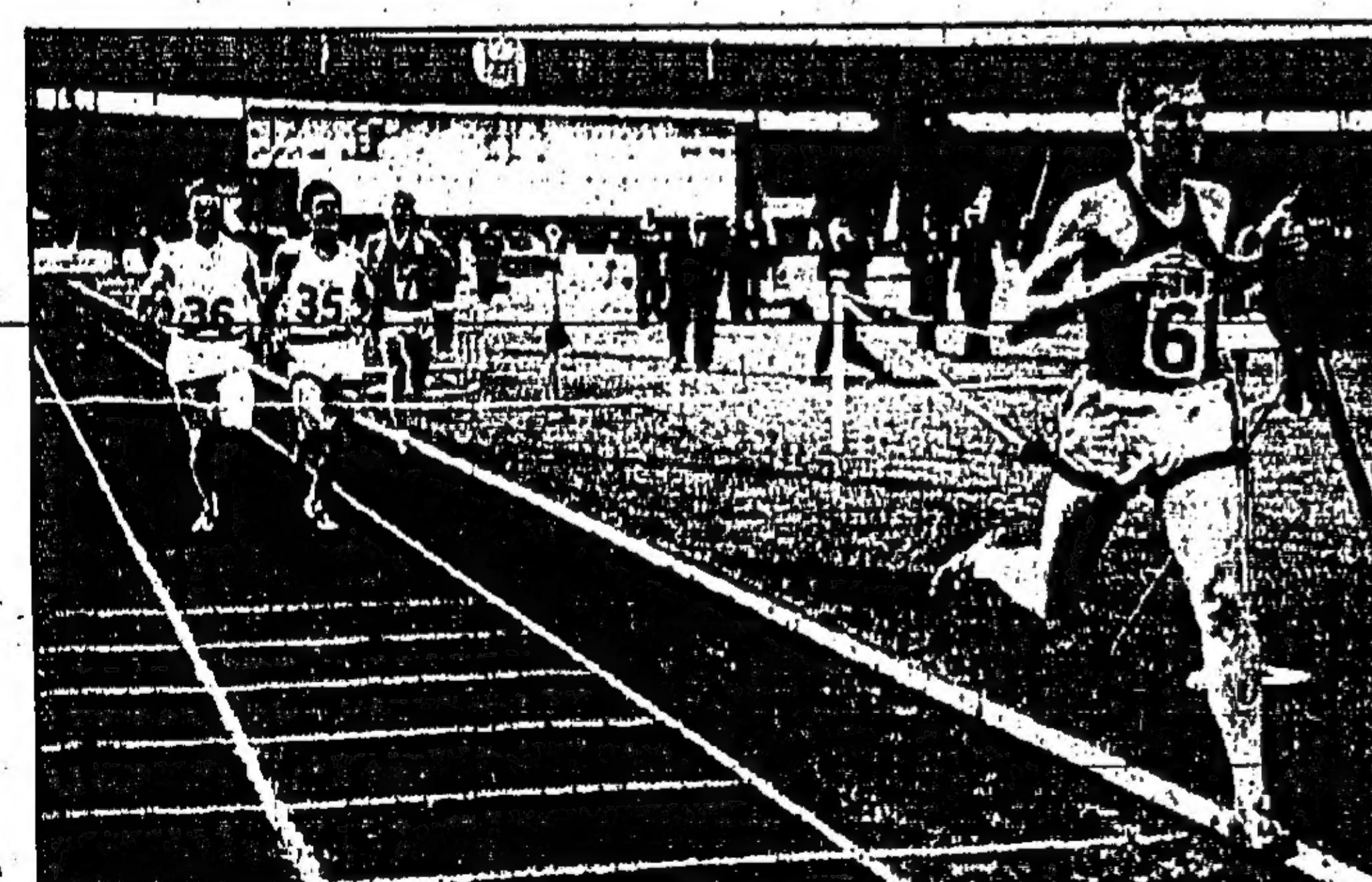
In a very keenly contested swimming match at the Gun Club Hill swimming pool last Wednesday, St George's School beat King George V School by 18 points.

Group photo here shows the King George V School—a defeated but a happy group.—China Mail Photo.



Giving the greatest exhibition of lawn tennis seen from any British player since Fred Perry, Bobby Wilson beat Chile's famed champion Luis Ayala 6-1, 6-3, 7-5 in the opening match of the Davis Cup tie between Britain and Chile last week, to pave the way for Britain's eventual 3-2 victory.

Photo shows Wilson (right) moving in for a killing forehand volley.—Times Photo.



With only one event to go in the athletics meet last week, however, the combined Oxford and Cambridge team and that of Harvard and Yale, the score stood at seven events each.

Then, after the tension had been relieved by a false start, the U.S. sprinters put up a record (for the meeting) 42.4 seconds in the 4 x 110 yards relay to win the match for the first time since 1938.

Photo shows Yale's T. J. Carroll striding home in the 880 yards, leaving Hall (No. 35—Oxford) and Hylte (No. 36—Cambridge) to dead heat for second place in one minute 52.5 seconds.—Times Photo.



The Committee and members of the Ladies' Recreation Club last Thursday entertained Mrs. Helen Prophet at a cocktail party in appreciation of the fine work she has done for the Club as its President from 1949 to 1959.

Photo shows Mrs. Prophet being presented with a gift at the occasion by Mrs. R. W. H. Maynard, the new President of the Ladies' Recreation Club.—China Mail Photo.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

I am always looking for
a pretty girl to marry

MY VALENTINES by LIBERACE

London.

Liberace said from the witness-box in
the High Court last week: "I am
always looking around for a pretty
girl to marry. I have 12 proposals
a month, and on Valentine's Day I
got 27,000 Valentines."

He owed a great debt to his "Mom" but it was
untrue that he had said: "She is the only
sweetheart for me."

Liberace was giving evidence in support of his case
against the Daily Mirror and its columnist William
Connors (Cassandra).

He alleges that they libelled
him in two "vicious and violent"
articles which appeared in the autumn of
1956, on September 26 and October 18.

The defendants plead that
the statements of fact in the
articles were true and that the
expressions of opinion were fair
comment.

They were not, says Liberace.
The *Mirror* and Cassandra, he
claims, were actuated by express
malice.

His counsel, Mr Gilbert Beyfus, QC, described Cassandra
as "a literary assassin who dips
her pin in vitriol rather than
ink, and is hired by this sensational
newspaper to murder reputations."

Chubby, pale

Liberace, chubby and pale
today, failed to smile for the
first time when his counsel, Mr
Gilbert Beyfus, QC, turned to ask him: "Are you a homo-
sexual?"

He gripped the ledge of the
witness-box and replied firmly:
"I am not."

Mr Gerald Gardner, QC, for
Cassandra and the *Daily
Mirror*, interrupted further
questioning by saying that
nothing of the kind had ever
been suggested.

But Mr Beyfus persisted.
"Have you ever indulged in
homosexual practices?" he asked.

Liberace: "No, sir, never in
my life."

"What are your feelings towards
homosexuality?"

"My feelings are the same
as anyone else, sir. I am
against this practice because it

By
LOUIS KIRBY



FOCUS ON THE PIANIST

Wлади́мир Ливе́рэйс (Vladimir Libeřejc) was born in 1919 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. He studied piano at the Prague Conservatory and made his debut as a soloist at the age of 18. In 1940, he emigrated to the United States and began performing in nightclubs and on radio. He became known for his flamboyant stage persona and his ability to play multiple instruments simultaneously. He appeared on numerous television shows and recordings, including the "Ed Sullivan Show" and "The Edsel Ford Show".

He stood in the small oak witness-box, left hand covering the shilling-size ring, a piano in onyx and diamonds, on his right little finger. Occasionally he touched his blue silk tie or his immaculate, wavy dark hair.

Quietly dressed in a mid-night-blue tropical-weight suit, with narrow lapels and three buttons in the Italian style, he talked in a soft drawl.

With every answer to his counsel, Mr Gilbert Beyfus, QC, he gave a flashing smile. His replies came quickly and confidently. "I am considered to be the best answers," he said, and nodded his appreciation as the two middle-aged women and ten men of the jury laughed at his jokes.

He turned when Mr Justice Salmon asked a question, and addressed him as "Your Lord."

After 2 hr. 14 min. in the witness-box, he called for a glass of water.

Liberace's father was an Italian immigrant and his mother is of Polish descent.

He was born in a Milwaukee suburb in May 1919, but sometimes gave the date as 1920, "for publicity reasons," he explained.



ON the front bench of the court, separated from
Liberace by four lawyers, sat
Cassandra, 50-year-old William Connor.

A Londoner, Connor entered
journalism with his first
Cassandra column in the *Daily
Mirror* on August 3, 1935.

Earlier he had sold draught-excluders, asbestos sheeting,
gramophone records and copper
rivets, and worked five years for
advertising agencies.

His pungent column has ap-
peared almost 6,000 times, and
was interrupted only by his
joining the Army in 1942 after
a series of criticisms of White-
hall.

He served as a Royal Armoured
Corps trooper, then as a
gunner. Later he helped to run
the soldiers' newspaper *Union
Jack*.

After demobilisation he re-
started his column with these
words: "As I was saying when I
was so rudely interrupted . . ."

Dressed yesterday in char-
coal grey suit, he sat with arms
folded as he watched Liberace
in the witness-box. He is
florid, jut-jawed, balding, bare-
shouldered, bespectacled, and is
famed for his love of cats.

He lives in a Berkshire village
and travels to Marylebone by
rail.

I GET 12 MARRIAGE PROPOSALS EVERY MONTH

further I know she is extremely
proud of her children, perhaps
a bit more proud of me."

Mr Beyfus: "Did you try to
keep it from her?"

"I was unsuccessful. It was
brought to her attention by
someone. She immediately be-
came very ill and was attended
by a physician."

When he began working for
TV in 1951 he was told: "Don't
think of the TV camera as be-
ing an instrument to play your
tricks on thousands and perhaps
even millions of people, but
think of it as one separate
individual whom you are speak-
ing to and trying to entertain
with your music."

Said Liberace: "I believe this
is strongly that many times
when I bumped into the camera
I said, 'Excuse me!'"

It was because he found that
audiences enjoyed seeing him
in glamorous clothes that he
developed this idea.

He had a black taffeta suit with
diamond-studded buttons valued
at \$10,000. His wardrobe
included 60 suits and 80 pairs
of shoes. But he denied that his

gold lame dinner jacket had
been designed by Christian
Dior.

His Hollywood home cost
about \$60,000 but the fur-
nishing and appointments cost
more than \$100,000. One piano
cost \$50,000.

Mr Beyfus asked Liberace:
"Was there ever anything
sexy about your performances
at all?"

"I am not aware of it if it
exists. I am almost positive that
I could hardly refer to myself
as a sexy performer."

"I have tried in all my per-
formances to inject a note of

sincerity and wholesomeness
because I am fully aware of
the fact that my appeal on
television and personal ap-
pearances is aimed directly at
the family audience."

When he came to England in
the autumn of 1956 he was at
the summit of his career in the
U.S. But here he met hostility.

At Sheffield on October 11,
when he went on the stage,
there were cries from the
audience of "queer" and "fairy."

This upset him very much.

In reply to Mr Gardner
Liberace said he received about
12 marriage proposals a month.

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BIBLE THOUGHT
FOR TODAY

Then said the Lord unto
Moses, behold I will rain
bread from heaven for you.
—Exodus 16:4.

God is anxious that His
children enjoy limitless
abundance. But He likes ap-
preciation for real bounties
too.

Press-Radio Bible Service,
Inc Cincinnati, Ohio.

MAIL NOTICES

Japan, Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada,

Formosa, Korea, 6 p.m.

Burma, India, 3 p.m.

Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

By Air

Philippines, 6 p.m.

Cambodia, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Burma, Malaysia, Indo-

nésia, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji,

Guam, 2 p.m.

Formosa, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.

Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.

Asia, Africa, Great Britain, Europe,

10 a.m.

Philippines, 6 p.m.

Japan, 6 p.m.

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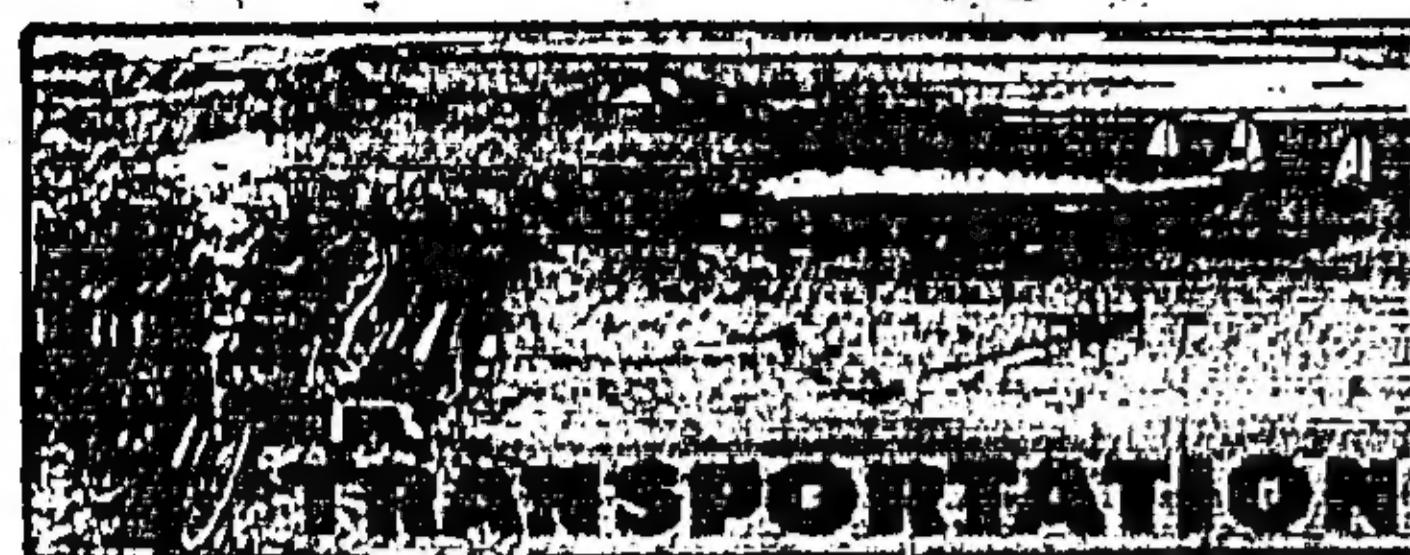
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Lockheed Produces New Starfighter

LOKEEDE Aircraft Corporation has announced it is ready to build a new international version of the spectacular F-104 Starfighter designed to fit the high performance defences needs of all friendly nations.

Specially engineered to meet economic and military requirements of free nations everywhere for a supersonic front-line fighter combining top performance with low initial cost and least-cost maintenance, the new Starfighter is designated the F-104-9.

"Featuring the same basic design of F-104s already proved in service, it could be placed in production immediately, with first deliveries in just 12 months," Robert E. Gross, chairman of the board for Lockheed, said.

INCORPORATES

"This latest F-104 incorporates all of the inherent speed, manoeuvrability and operational economy of Starfighters on duty with the U.S. Air Force," he added.

USAF Starfighters hold the world's speed record (1,044 mph), altitude crown (91,423 feet), and all seven time-to-climb marks.

Externally identical to current F-104s and powered by the same General Electric J79 engine, the new Starfighter has been "slimmed down" necessary-wise to fit budget-conscious international pocketbooks.

"Whether in France, peson or lone, on an airpower-investing basis this ultra-modern F-104 weapon system cannot be matched," Gross declared.

TWO FACTORS

He pointed out that Lockheed's ability to produce the fast-and-furious Starfighter at a "budget-balancing" price—approximately half the cost of many currently operational jet fighters—stemmed from two major factors:

★ With the acrobatic thoroughly proved, development costs which inescapably run into millions of dollars already have been absorbed and would not have to be added to the price of the new international "one-for-all" version.

★ By taking a basic F-104C, the version in service with the USAF Tactical Air Command and adapting from its various items employed in that command's highly complex and sophisticated missions—a hard-hitting fighter with equal stamina can be delivered for a minimum price.

Armed with two wing-tipped Sidewinder guided missiles, the F-104-9 would be able to provide a Mach 2 launching platform for the deadly heat-seeking weapon.

BOMBS

The aircraft also would be provided with wing pylon bombs shackles which could carry 1,000-pound bombs on each wing.

All basic communication, navigation and identification equipment necessary to carry a fighter mission are incorporated in the new F-104-9. Lockheed engineers reported.

Designed with an "outstanding" fuel-aircraft weight ratio, the lightweight F-104-9 possesses excellent range capabilities, they said.

Internal fuel provisions are identical to present Starfighters on the production line.

Also included in the new version would be the upward ejection system being retrofitted into currently operational aircraft.

In the event a country purchasing F-104-9 wanted to aug-

Aircraft Parts Get Sound Tests

SAFETY studies begun at the Bell Aircraft Corp. more than three years ago to determine the effect of excessive noise on factory workers branched out into something much bigger.

It led Bell engineers to tackle one of the most difficult problems facing missile and airplane designers in this jet age—the effect of high-pitched noise on aircraft components.

Increased sound pressure levels resulting from higher engine thrust and the greater speed of planes and missiles often affect the reliability of mechanical and electrical components.

In a well-equipped acoustic test laboratory, Bell engineers use a variety of recording and analysing equipment and microphones and reverberant chambers to run definitive tests on the many complex units making up present-day missiles and planes.

COMPONENTS

Such components as electron tubes, transistors, amplifiers, inductometers, relays and gyroes are subjected to gradually increasing sound levels in simulated environments of widely varied temperature and vibration.

The component is subjected to the punishing tests until it proves to be stable over a given period of time or shows evidence of malfunction or total failure.

The tests have proved invaluable in eliminating potential trouble spots before an expensive experimental vehicle actually is flight-tested.

Orient Launches Tanker

Jarrow, June 17.—**S**IR Austin Anderson, Chairman of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, saw his company's first tanker, the 37,000-ton Garonne, launched here yesterday.

He said that world shipping had been growing considerably more rapidly than seaborne trade and that unless world trade expanded faster than expected it was going to be extremely difficult to find employment for many new ships in the years ahead.—Reuter.

Britain's Space Team

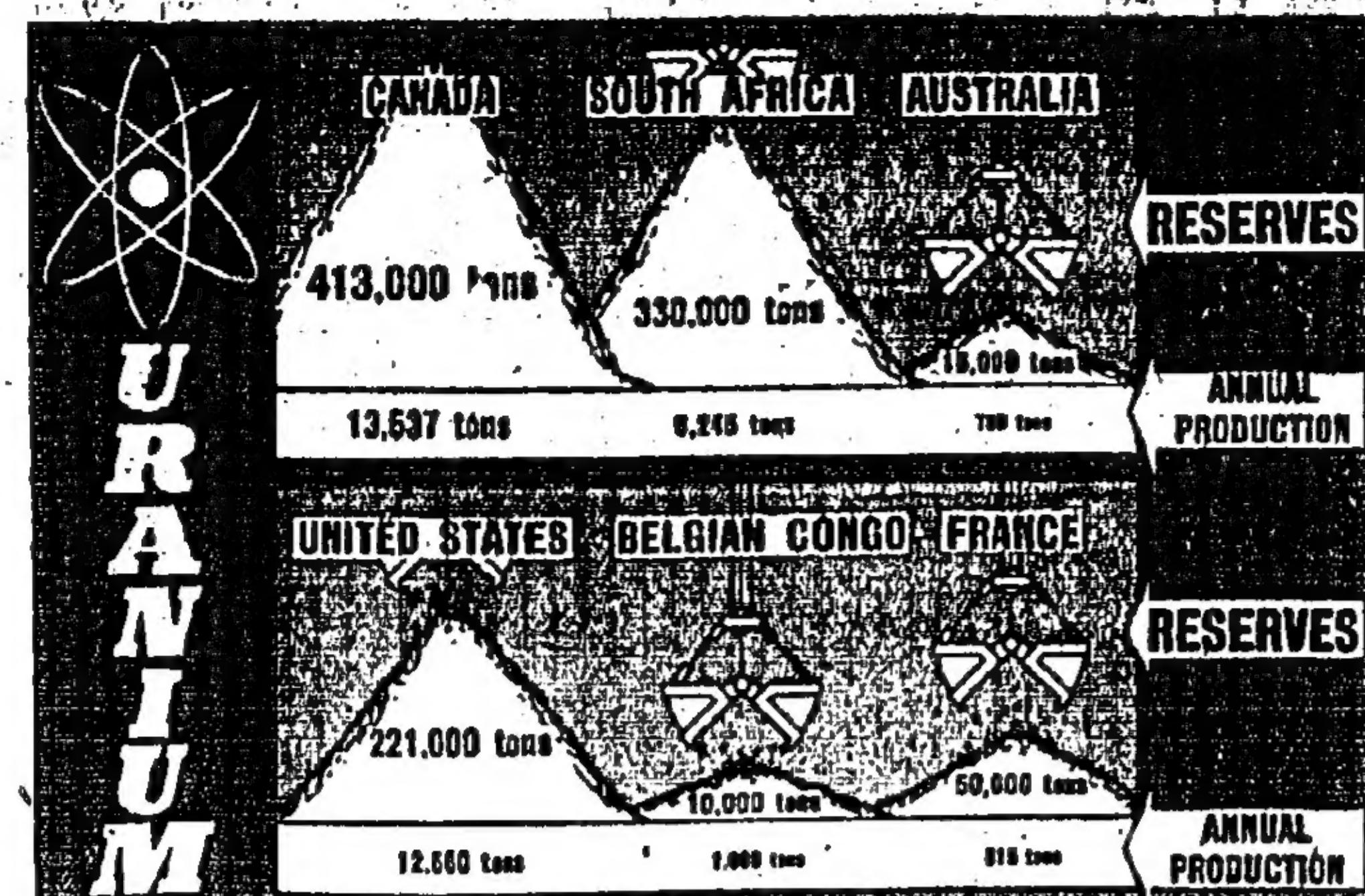
London, June 16.—**T**HIS Hawker Siddeley group announced tonight the formation of an advanced design team to work on supersonic transports, manned and unmanned vehicles, and various aspects of aeronautics.

The new unit, headed by aircraft designer Mr J. C. Floyd, will be staffed by key men from the operating companies within the group and according to Sir Roy Dobson, managing director of the group, "will have top priority in our future activities."—Reuter.

ment the plane's built-in mission capabilities optional equipment of the type currently installed in TAC aircraft such as the M61 Vulcan cannon and the fire control system—or the more advanced all-weather systems programmed for the West German Air Force version could be made available.

Present programming would not include installation of a deceleration drag parachute in the F-104-9. Significantly, however, even without it the aircraft can stop in approximately 2,500 feet—a remarkably short distance for any high performance modern fighter.

Commonwealth For A-Power



Uranium. It means atomic power—for peace, for defence. And this Leslie Green graph shows the Commonwealth's lead—in reserves and output.

ANOTHER DECLINE ON WALL STREET

New York, June 16.—**A**nother decline went on the Stock Exchange record books today—the tenth in the past 12 sessions.

Although the losses were widespread, they were fractional in most cases and the effect of the decline was lightened somewhat by the flattening of oil to budget-conscious international pocketbooks.

The tests have proved invaluable in eliminating potential trouble spots before an expensive experimental vehicle actually is flight-tested.

Interest centred on a handful of individual features and some of these were on the upside.

The stocks in particular showed some good gains ranging past three points on Lukens.

American Telephone stood out among the blue chips with a loss of more than two points to new low on heavy volume which included an initial block of 10,000 shares.

Standard Oil (N.J.) came under sudden pressure around mid-session with blocks ranging to 25,000 shares. It fell to a new low of \$50, off 3½ point then came back slightly.

Today's volume was 2,410,000 shares.

UK To Help Overseas Trade

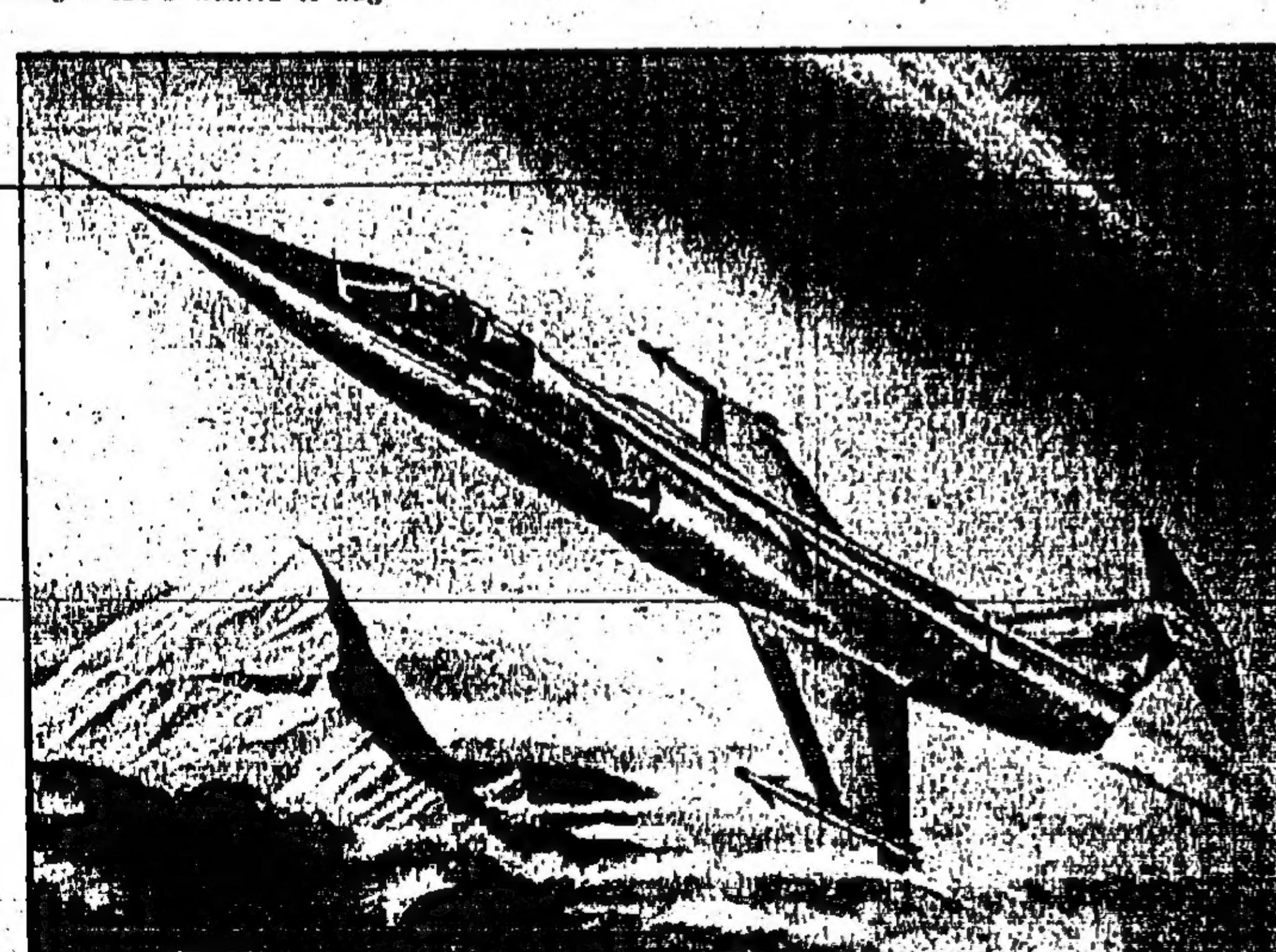
London, June 16.—**T**he British Government today made a bid to help the nation's overseas trade by raising the financial limits set on public funds which underwrite trading risks.

The Export Guarantees Bill, published this evening, increases from £750 million to £1,000 million the total liability on "commercial" business which may be assumed by the Export Credits Guarantee Department of the Board of Trade.

At the same time, it increases from £250 million to £400 million the limit on "national interest" business to encourage overseas trade or to render financial assistance to other countries.—Reuter.

Agreed Merchant Rates

Canadian \$ Maximum Selling 16-9/16. Minimum Buying 16-13/16 T.T.; 16½% O.D.



LOCKHEED'S NEW STARFIGHTER, F-104-9

LONDON CLOSES MIXED

London, June 16.—The stock market closed mixed today on light trading.

Gilt-edged securities tended easier although short-dated bonds were firm.

Industrials finished irregular with falls in the majority. Breweries and stores lost ground but tobacco was firm with Cadbury Philips the leader. Ford and British Motor stocks were strong in the auto list.

Foreign bonds were unchanged, dollar stocks were mostly lower.

Gold stocks opened quietly firm but closed below the day's best level.

Coppers were dull.

Oils were narrowly mixed.—UPI.

Closing Prices

Gilt-edged Bonds Transport 3%, 1970/80

Consols 4%—£251-12½

Conversion Loan 3½%, 1969

£500—£24-12½

£100—£11-12½

Funding Stock 3½%, 1999/2004

£100—£10-11½

£200—£20-21½

£500—£50-52½

Bank of England 3%, 1964

Chartered Bank 4%, 1964

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp. 4%, 1964

Insurance 3%, 1964

Union Bank 4%, 1964

£1,000—£100-110

£2,000—£200-220

£5,000—£500-550

£10,000—£1,000-1,100

£20,000—£2,000-2,200

£50,000—£5,000-5,500

£100,000—£10,000-11,000

£200,000—£20,000-22,000

£500,000—£50,000-55,000

£1,000,000—£100,000-110,000

£2,000,000—£200,000-220,000

£5,000,000—£500,000-550,000

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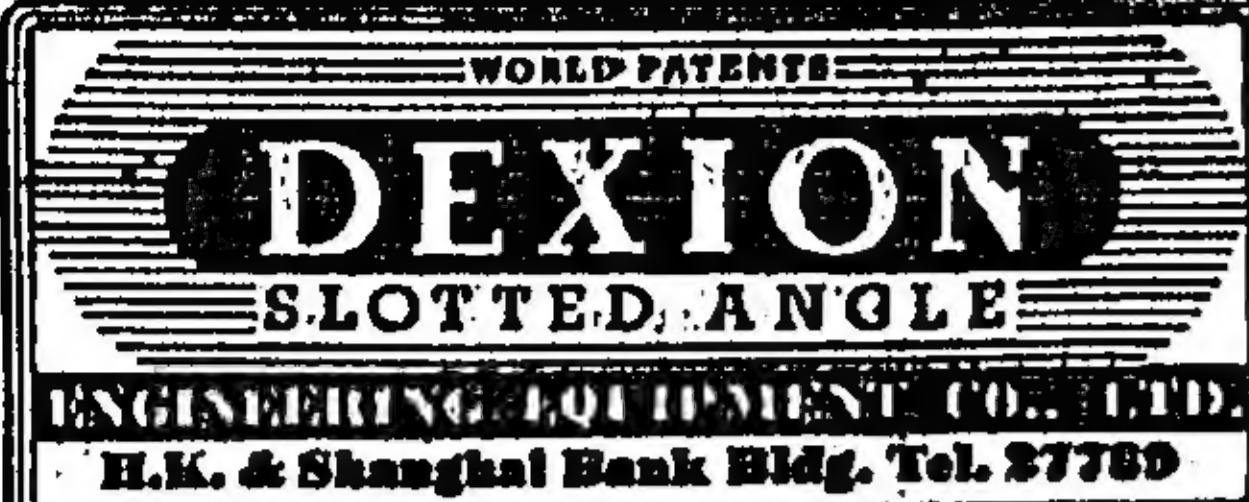
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 1959.



Employee Juggled With Account Books: Crown Charge

A clothing firm employee had juggled with account books to falsely increase the cost of pyjamas, so that the firm could obtain Imperial Preference certificates, Victoria District Court was told today.

Lee Wing-chip pleaded "not guilty to conspiring to effect a public mischief with three other men by fraudulent means and dishonest devices to obtain from the Department of Commerce and Industry Imperial Preference certificates between January 1 last year and January 31 this year."

The three other men have already pleaded guilty to the charge and have been fined a total of \$120 each.

Narrow It Down

Mr Simon Li, prosecuting, told Judge T. Creedon that it down to between April 1 and September 30 last year.

Mr Li said that on January 31 this year an application had been made on behalf of the International Clothing Factory for Imperial Preference certificates.

The application had been supported by papers, including statements of production and unit costs, particulars of known Empire costs, direct labour expenses, and factory overheads, all certified by the manager of the factory.

"On February 2, these particulars were examined by the Department of Commerce and Industry and approved," Mr Li said.

Not Entitled

"We say that the accused inflated the direct labour cost, and once it is brought back to the

proper cost, the firm would not have been entitled to the certificates."

Mr Li said that on February 11 documents were seized at the factory which proved the falsity of the wages in the statements.

The statements alleged that pyjamas had been produced at \$10.65 a dozen, when their real cost was \$7.80 a dozen.

Mr Li said that no pyjamas had been produced from April 1 to September 30 last year, and they were never in stock, although the stock books said 10 dozen pairs existed.

Cost Raised

Mr Li said that in other words the cost had been raised to gain the necessary cost of production for Imperial Preference certificates.

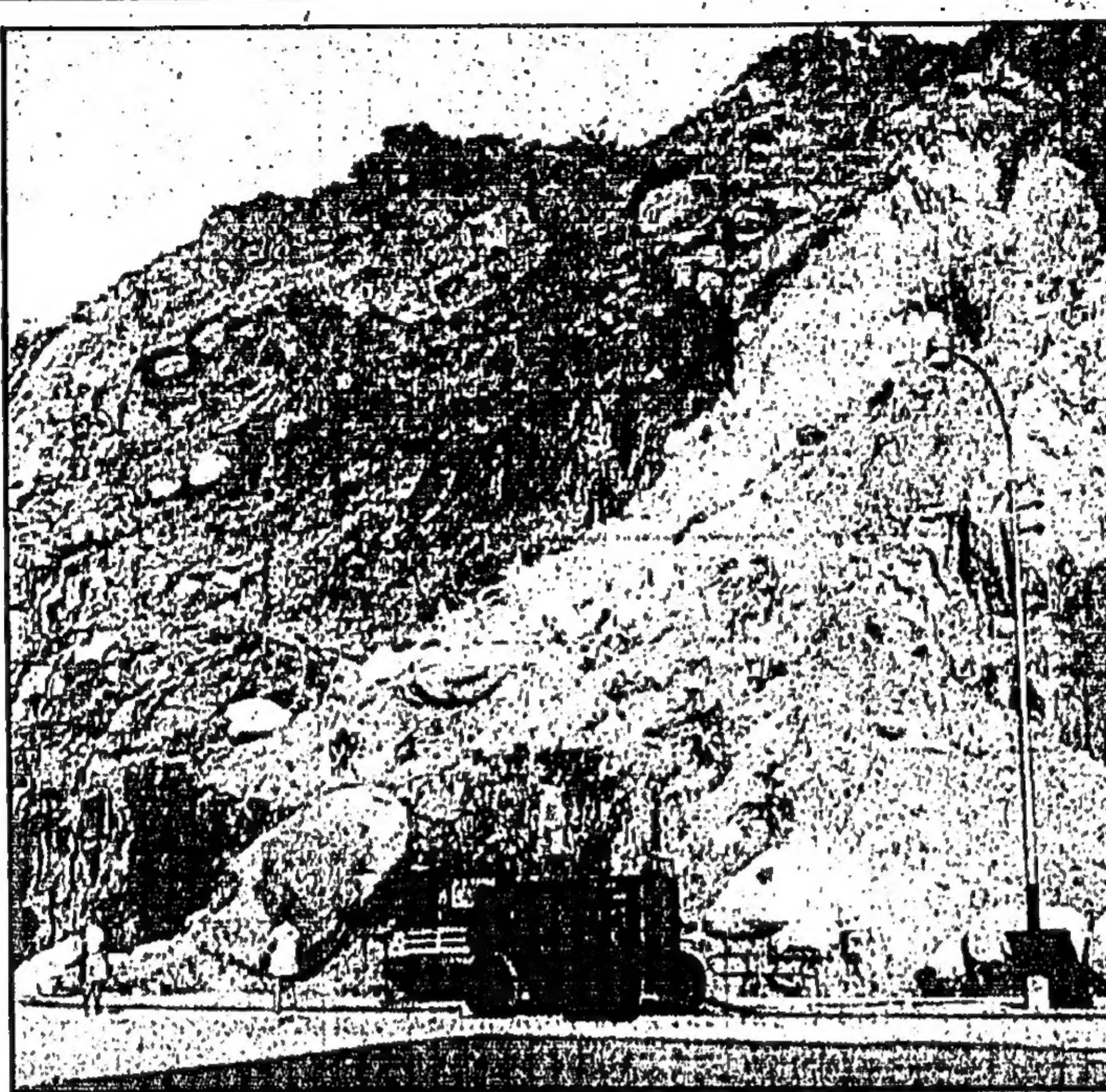
The hearing is unfinished.

Lee is being defended by Mr A. Zimmern, instructed by P. H. Sin and Co.

To Visit Mainland

A group of 21 young men and women from Australian trade union organisations arrived here by Qantas from Sydney this morning en route to attend the Seventh World Youth Festival in Vienna.

Path Of A Landslide



The path of a landslide is shown clearly in this photograph taken this morning by a China Mail cameraman. The scene is Chatham Road, Hung Hom, where workmen are busy clearing the debris after the weekend deluge.

Drunk Girl On Probation

A 17-year-old girl, Cheung Wai-ying, who was found drunk outside St John's Cathedral on Saturday night and remanded

for a report from the Probation Officer for two years by Mr T. L. Yang at Central Magistracy.



MR LESSONSKI
SOVIET
DIPLOMAT
IN COLONY

Mr. Victor Lessonski, Soviet diplomat who went to Canberra to preside over the re-opening of the Russian Embassy there, arrived here this morning by Qantas from Sydney en route to Bangkok where he is serving in the secretariat of the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East.

He said that he was returning to his post in Bangkok after completing his mission in the Australian capital. He added that for the time being, the Soviet Embassy in Canberra would be under Mr. Ivan Skripov, Charge d'Affaires.

Mr. Lessonski is leaving for Bangkok tomorrow.

Snatcher Caught By Pedestrian

A 30-year-old unemployed man, Young Hong, of no fixed abode who pleaded guilty to snatching and assaulting with intent to resist arrest, was sentenced to nine months' gaol by Mr. P. F. X. Leonard of Kowloon Court this morning.

Detective Sub-Inspector Lo Ying-yuen, prosecuting, said that on May 20 at about 10 a.m. complainant, Cheng Sui-hing, was going up a staircase of Y Block, Shek Kip Mei Residential Area, when defendant approached from behind and snatched her purse which contained \$4.30 and ran downstairs.

The complainant shouted "Snatching" and a pedestrian, Ip Ting-sun, heard the shout and chased the defendant.

Defendant, who was holding a piece of water pipe, hit Ip on the head, but Ip overpowered defendant.

Mr. Leonard commended Ip as "a man with courage."

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DETECTIVE WAVED REVOLVER TO SCARE PEOPLE

A detective corporal, who waved a revolver in the air to scare people away in the street, pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct and was fined \$100 by Mr. J. E. Dargan at Central Magistracy this morning.

Ying Bal-chi, 35, attached to the Anti-Trind Squad, was also bound over in \$300 for one year after admitting to assaulting a man with his fists.

A further charge of assaulting a woman was dismissed when Chief Court Inspector C. L. Smith accepted defendant's plea of not guilty and offered no evidence against him.

With Friends

Inspector Smith told the Court that at 10.15 p.m. on May 24, Wong Yat-chuen, the complainant, was sitting outside No. 24 Ming Yuen Street, North Point, with his friends. Defendant went up to him and asked him where a man called Fu Tak-shing was. Wong replied that he did not know.

Inspector Smith said a misunderstanding took place due to the different dialects they were speaking. Defendant was a native of Shanghai while Wong was Fukien.

Defendant struck Wong on the mouth with his fist and then drew out his revolver and waved it in the air to scare the people. "Everyone in the vicinity ran away," Inspector Smith said.

Report Made

A report was later made to the Bay View Police Station and Sub-Inspector Roher was instructed to investigate.

Defendant handed an unloaded revolver to Inspector Roher. Six rounds of ammunition were found in defendant's pocket.

Inspector Smith told the Court that defendant, in his statement in answer to the charges, said he did not know what had happened.

He added that defendant's record in the Police Force was good.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Messrs Stewart and Co., represented the defendant. He said the defendant had attended a wedding dinner before the incident occurred. "My client was victimised by his friends who offered him many drinks," Mr. Lo said.

Mr. Lo explained that the reason why his client brandished his revolver was that he was afraid that he would be attacked by the other people. "He wanted to scare them away."

New Species Of Birds Reported In Hong Kong

MANY people find Hong Kong rather lacking in bird-life. But during 1958, no less than 223 different kinds of birds were seen in the Colony. Seven of these had never been recorded here before.

Interesting details of the activities of the Hongkong Bird Watching Society are given in the "Hongkong Bird Report 1958," which has just been released and it contains dates and localities where the birds were seen.

A survey of the breeding birds in Hongkong shows that over the years the Colony has gained more species than it has lost. In fact the only certain loss is a kind of albatross which is probably now extinct.

The Hongkong Bird Watching Society is now a little less than two years old. It was formed in August 1957.

Interest in the report is an article on the nests and habits of the Chinese Tailor Bird. The article was written by a member of the Society who was fortunate enough to be on the spot when two of the Tailor Birds began building their home.

This publication may be obtained from Kelly and Walsh or the Swindon Book Shop. It is the Society's first attempt at turning out a report, and it is hoped to produce the publication annually.—A.S.

From the Files

25 years ago



U.S. Women's Group Arrives In HK

A group of 182 women of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of the United States arrived here this morning from Japan for a three-day visit.

The group came in by four airline Air India International, Japan Air Lines and Pan American Airways—and is under the leadership of Miss Chloe Gifford, of Lexington, Kentucky, President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Miss Gifford said the group is on a world tour to foster understanding among women and to make personal contacts with women's clubs throughout the world.

After leaving here they will go to Manila to attend the Conference for Asia Women beginning on June 20.

Alleged False Trade Mark

In view of the general objection to the linking of the Canton-Kowloon Railway with the Canton-Hankow Railway, no progress in commercial quarters in Hongkong, the Chinese delegates who are to meet representatives of the Kowloon section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway for a revision of the rail agreement, are reported to have instructions not to discuss the joining of these two lines.

The crux of the coming negotiations, says a Canton report, is the sharing of the profits by both sides.

The present ratio is 65 per cent for the Chinese section and 35 per cent for the British section.

EUROPEAN WOMAN SEES COBRA

A EUROPEAN woman had a nasty shock this morning while walking her dog in Island Road, near Turtle Cove. Mrs. P. S. Elsinga said that she was walking with her dog across the road bridge just before the steps leading down to Turtle Cove.

The snake, believed by its description to have been a cobra, reared up.

TOLD POLICE

Mrs. Elsinga said she pulled the dog back, and as she was returning home she met a Police van.

She told the Police where she had seen the snake.

It is black, three feet long and when it reared up she could see the hood.

She later notified the HKSPCA.

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